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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, said period of response being extended from May 20, 2006 to June 20, 2006.

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